

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, was held in open session on August 18, 2014, and called to order by Mayor Knaack at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following members were present: Luther, Traxler, Sutherland, Brice, Riedel, Schwebs, Brown, Solberg, Cruz and Erdman. Mercil was absent.

MOTION was made by Luther, seconded by Solberg, and carried to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2014 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Ruth Martinson spoke in support of Mayor Knaack and the Council as she addressed Agenda item 6.A, and stated that Council members need to be accountable for their actions.

Dr. Sandra Claflin-Chalton expressed her opinion that Paul Riedel is one of the most honest people she has ever met and that this is an extraordinary waste of taxpayer money (pursuing the allegation of open meetings law violations).

MOTION – The following motion and future plans/process was made by Cruz and seconded by Schwebs:

Motion - That the Menomonie City Council supports in concept the participation of those City of Menomonie properties lying within the boundaries of the Tainter-Menomin Lake District as described in the proposed draft resolution.

Future Plans/Process for the Friends of the Red Cedar Basin - Similar motions of support will be sought in all four Tainter Lake Town Boards (Menomonie, Red Cedar, Tainter, and Sherman). The final map of the Lake District boundaries will then be redrawn incorporating the changes requested by all five municipalities. After completion of this process, the City Council and the Town Boards will be asked to pass resolutions approving the participation of properties included within the boundaries of the final lake district. The five resolutions will then be presented to the Dunn County Board of Supervisors for consideration.

MOTION to waive the rules to hear from Pete Heimdahl was made by Cruz, seconded by Riedel, and carried. Mr. Heimdahl, representing the Friends of the Red Cedar Basin, spoke about their plans to form a lake district, a proposed budget, and ideas that they have for water quality improvement.

MOTION to waive the rules to hear from Scott McGovern was made by Schwebs, seconded by Cruz, and carried. Mr. McGovern described a proposal to use alum and bio manipulation to deal with the water quality issues in Menomin and Tainter Lake.

ORIGINAL MOTION carried on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Traxler, Sutherland, Brice, Riedel, Schwebs, Brown, Cruz and Erdman. Noes: Luther and Solberg.

MOTION to approve the proposed Turf Sprinkler System Policy as stated in the August 7, 2014 memo from John Dahl, Building Inspector, and the permit process to allow encroachments (irrigation sprinklers) on city right-of-way was made by Schwebs, seconded by Brice, and carried on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Luther, Traxler, Sutherland, Brice, Schwebs, Brown, Solberg and Cruz. Noes: Riedel and Erdman.

MOTION to allow the existing sprinkler systems that were previously installed on Elm Avenue and Ingalls Road to remain was made by Schwebs, seconded by Luther, and carried on the following roll call vote: Luther, Traxler, Sutherland, Brice, Schwebs, Brown, Solberg and Cruz. Noes: Riedel and Erdman.

MOTION for reconsideration of the Water Department truck bid from the August 4, 2014 meeting was made by Cruz, seconded by Traxler, and carried on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Luther, Traxler, Sutherland, Brice, Schwebs, Solberg, Cruz and Erdman. Noes: Riedel and Brown.

The following motion from August 4, 2014 was placed back on the table “Motion to accept the bid of \$22,800 from Northtown Ford for the half ton truck was made by Traxler, seconded by Schwebs” and now carried on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Luther, Traxler, Sutherland, Brice, Schwebs, Solberg, Cruz and Erdman. Noes: Riedel and Brown.

MOTION - approve to have representation from the City either by the City Attorney and/or legal representation for Leslie and I (Councilmembers Brown and Riedel) was made by Riedel and seconded by Brown. *(Council member Riedel clarified his intent in the motion was to request legal representation from the City or financial support from the City for outside legal representation.)*

MOTION to suspend the rules to hear from Attorney Andrew Nelson was made by Cruz, seconded by Brown, and lost on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Riedel and Brown. Noes: Luther, Traxler, Sutherland, Brice, Schwebs, Solberg, Cruz and Erdman.

MOTION to table the previous motion made by Alderperson Riedel and seconded by Brown, was made by Cruz, seconded by Schwebs, and carried on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Luther, Traxler, Sutherland, Brice, Schwebs, Cruz and Erdman. Noes: Riedel, Brown and Solberg.

COMMUNICATIONS – Alderperson Brown – I would like to put on the agenda a motion to appoint a city attorney or a special attorney to represent Paul (Councilmember Riedel) and myself in the violation of the open meeting laws. Motion was seconded by Riedel, and carried on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Traxler, Brice, Riedel, Schwebs, Brown, Cruz and Erdman. Noes: Luther, Sutherland and Solberg.

The Agenda packet included a copy of the plans for a mixed use commercial/residential building for the property at 503 South Broadway; and building inspection monthly reports for June and July, 2014.

CLAIMS - MOTION was made by Luther, seconded by Cruz, and carried unanimously on roll call vote to approve payment of the following claims:

<u>Claims</u>	
A-1 Excavating	\$ 83,713.05
Atco International	98.50
B & B Electric	112.50
Badger Truck Refrigeration	190.75
Cardmember Services	4,953.92
Cedar Country Co-op	2,027.95
Cesspool Cleaner Co.	178.50
Diggers Hotline, Inc.	349.74
Dunn Energy	9,398.98
Emergency Automotive Technology	273.00
Expert Tree Service & Science	250.00
Hawkins	3,736.08
Heartland Contractors	163,798.91
Keyes Chevrolet	27,680.00
Kraemer Co.	717.17
Menomonie Disposal	7,930.53
Telephone Specialist	3,250.00
R T Miller Auto Body & Repair	672.00

Tractor Central	831.61
US Postal Service	505.10
Viking Electric	933.11
Visual Communications	4,000.00
Wisconsin Department of Transportation	144.20
Xcel Energy	58,207.45
<u>Parking Utility Claims</u>	
4 Control	\$ 294.00

LICENSES - MOTION was made by Solberg, seconded by Luther, and carried to approve the following licenses, as presented:

OPERATORS: Andrew P. Coleman; Brittany J. Hernandez; Veronia C. Obradovich; Jeff M. Richter; Naomi L. Rubenzer; Brooklyn H. Siler.

TEMPORARY CLASS “B” BEER and TEMPORARY “CLASS B” WINE LICENSE:

- **Dunn County Historical Society** – October 25th, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
@ 1820 Wakanda Street, (event = Grape Expectations).

MOTION to convene in closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c), (e), and (g) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body had jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; deliberating or negotiating the purchase/sale of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved was made by Cruz, seconded by Solberg, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

MOTION to return to open session was made by Luther, seconded by Sutherland, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

No action was taken.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Brown, seconded by Brice, and carried.

JoAnn L. Kadinger, City Clerk